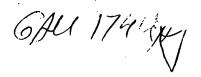


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Please enter the following preliminary amendments prior to examining the referenced RECEIVED TO 17000 application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-50.

Please add new Claims 51-185.

- (New) A method of treating and drying the surface of an object, comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing a system containing a vessel and at least one object having a surface;
- (b) exposing the object to a process fluid in the vessel;
- (c) performing a quick dump to discharge the process fluid from the vessel, leaving residual process fluid on the surface of the object;
- (d) after discharging the process fluid from the vessel, introducing a drying vapor into the system, the drying vapor condensing on the surface of the object and reducing the surface 01/04/2002 HNOOR1 00000046 09905025

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